

Local 336 Celebrates a Century

It's not every day that an AFM local hits the century mark, and Local 336 (Burlington, NJ) celebrated the landmark in appropriate style with a party, a big cake, and, of course, live music. The celebration was held at the Cafe Gallery at the foot of the Delaware River in Burlington, NJ. Some 200 guests enjoyed an atmospheric evening of music in the courtyard, including a strolling violinist and accordion musicians during dinner.

"Millionaires could not have done any better in celebrating their 100th," said Local 336 President Robert Bell of the event. "We are a proud, small local who put on a grandioso night in honor of the great institution of unionism. We stand tall and loyal to the birth of the American Federation of Musicians, still appreciating our chartered membership of September 16, 1903."

Bell added that the local office intended to leave a "time capsule" of historical records for those who will be able to celebrate Local 336's next few centuries. "We can only dream that those in office September 16, 2103 will pass the records on to those who will celebrate in 2203, and beyond. May it become perpetual," he said.



The anniversary cake celebrating a century of live music by the Burlington County Musical Society.



Keyboard player Ed Hagopian of Local 77 (Philadelphia, PA) plays sideman to John Bachalis on clarinet, from Local 62 (Trenton, NJ).



Local 336 Executive Board Member Henry Rioco with Billy Kiel, a Local 336 jazz musician and leader of the Clazzical Saxophone Quartet.

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